

Dear FCC, I am writing to comment on your proposal to require broadcasters to tape our daily broadcasts. Once again, those of us in the small markets (and if you look at the map, all of North Dakota and Montana are considered small market) will pay or be burden by decisions that are made because of an attempt to smack down the larger market stations or larger group owners. The equipment your proposal would require us to purchase will be the same price for the stations in New York that charge hundreds if not thousands of dollars for ad time as it will for those of us who receive 3-4-5-10 dollars per ad. I believe the indecency problem you are trying to solve should be handle on a case by case basis. It is not an issue that comes up very often in smaller markets and it is rare that it comes up in larger markets as well. The highly publicized 'Janet Jackson' issue was largely created by the comments and publicity it received long after the event. How many people really saw the incident the moment it happened compared to the number of complaints you received.

We ask that you take into consideration the small market stations when making mandatory requirements on broadcasters.

Thank you,  
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